

HOUSE BILL 358

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By: **Delegate Conaway**

Introduced and read first time: January 25, 2017

Assigned to: Environment and Transportation

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Baltimore City – Department of Public Works – Water and Sewer Service**
3 **Charges – Qualified Residential Customers**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the Baltimore City Department of Public Works to set the
5 water and sewer service charges for certain qualified customers at a rate that is a
6 certain percentage lower than the water and sewer service charges for certain other
7 residential customers; defining a certain term; and generally relating to water and
8 sewer service charges in the City of Baltimore.

9 BY adding to

10 The Charter of Baltimore City
11 Article II – General Powers
12 Section (70)
13 (2007 Replacement Volume, as amended)

14 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF MARYLAND,
15 That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

16 **The Charter of Baltimore City**

17 Article II – General Powers

18 The Mayor and City Council of Baltimore shall have full power and authority to
19 exercise all of the powers heretofore or hereafter granted to it by the Constitution of
20 Maryland or by any Public General or Public Local Laws of the State of Maryland; and in
21 particular, without limitation upon the foregoing, shall have power by ordinance, or such
22 other method as may be provided for in its Charter, subject to the provisions of said
23 Constitution and Public General Laws:

24 **(70)**

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 **(A) IN THIS SECTION, “QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER” MEANS A**
2 **RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMER WHO:**

3 **(1) IS 55 YEARS OR OLDER; AND**

4 **(2) HAS BEEN A CUSTOMER OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS**
5 **FOR AT LEAST 1 YEAR.**

6 **(B) THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SHALL SET THE WATER AND**
7 **SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR QUALIFIED RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS AT A RATE**
8 **THAT IS 10% LOWER THAN THE WATER AND SEWER SERVICE CHARGES FOR OTHER**
9 **RESIDENTIAL CUSTOMERS.**

10 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
11 October 1, 2017.